

**California In-Hospital Breastfeeding as Indicated on the Newborn Screening Test Form
Statewide, County and Hospital of Occurrence by Race/Ethnicity: 2000-2001**

Notes:

1. Year is calendar year and is based on infant date of birth.
2. Data are based on occurrence births.
3. Race/ethnicity is based upon infant race/ethnicity as reported for both mother and father on the birth certificate.
4. "Hispanic" includes all Hispanics, regardless of race.
5. "Other/Multiple Races" includes non-Hispanics with multiple races.
6. "Asian/Pacific Islander" includes Asian, Asian Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Cambodian, Laotian, Vietnamese, Filipino, Samoan, Hawaiian, Guamanian, and Southeast Asian.
7. "White, non-Hispanic" includes White and Middle Eastern.
8. The denominator used to compute the percent data is "Known Method of Feeding". Births with unknown feeding method are excluded. During the 2000-2001 time period, feeding data were missing for 2.6% of births.
9. "Exclusive Breastfeeding" includes those who breastfeed only.
10. "Any Breastfeeding" includes those exclusively breastfeeding and those supplementing breastfeeding with formula.
11. Percents are considered statistically unreliable and are suppressed if they are based on fewer than 19 events, which corresponds to a relative standard error of 23 percent or greater. Percents are also suppressed if the numerator and denominator are the same number in order to protect the confidentiality of a mother's choice of infant feeding method.
12. The data used to develop these tables are from the California Newborn Screening Program database of the Genetic Disease Branch. All nonmilitary hospitals are required to complete the Newborn Screening Test Form (DHS 4409) prior to an infant's discharge. Upon completing the form, staff must select one of the following four categories to describe the method of infant feeding: (1) Breast only; (2) Formula only; (3) Breast and Formula; and (4) Other. Data collected from the Newborn Screening Test Form are then prepared and processed by the Program Development and Evaluation Section of the Genetic Disease Branch.
13. Breastfeeding initiation rates vary widely by maternal characteristics. Data presented in these tables are not risk adjusted and comparisons between hospitals or among geographic locations should be made cautiously.